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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL HALVERSEN

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SUBJECT: CIA Comment on [REDACTED]
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REFERENCE: Your memorandum of 1 March 1949

1. CIA considers subject paper to be an excellent appreciation and concurs generally in its tenor and conclusions.

2. A few comments by the interested components of CIA are given for the information of [REDACTED] 25X1X7

- a. It is felt that the condition of the Communist Parties in Western Europe has already deteriorated to a somewhat greater extent than implied in paragraph 2 and that Soviet complacency over this factor is exaggerated in the paper, even though protection of these Parties may not be a Soviet imperative. Conversely in paragraph 12, the present as well as the future position of the Communist Parties of Western Europe may be sufficiently adverse to cause Soviet alarm at any time.
- b. CIA feels that in paragraph 2 of the Annex the progress of Communism and of Communist Parties throughout the world is somewhat overstated.
- c. Even allowing for the changed situation in Berlin because of the lapse of time since subject report was written, CIA takes a more optimistic view of this situation than is shown in paragraph 17 of the Annex.

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